

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 14, 27, and 28 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A container for product, comprising:
a container body defining a space for storage of the product;
a valve in fluid communication with the space; and
~~a hollow stem in fluid communication with the valve and having a tapered outside surface extending to a reduced diameter tip terminating in an exterior end that has at least one side opening therethrough wherein the valve is actuatable to dispense product through the side opening.~~
2. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein the exterior end includes a profiled end surface that defines the at least one side opening.
3. (Original) The container of claim 2, wherein the profiled end surface forms a slot.
4. (Original) The container of claim 3, wherein the slot defines first and second side openings.
5. (Original) The container of claim 4, wherein each of the first and second side openings is defined by a base surface and a pair of side surfaces.
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6. (Original) The container of claim 5, wherein the side surfaces are substantially perpendicular to the base surface.
7. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 6, wherein the side surfaces are disposed at angles other than 90 degrees with respect to the base surface.

16. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the profiled end surface forms a slot.
17. (Original) The container of claim 16, wherein the slot defines first and second side openings.
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18. (Original) The container of claim 17, wherein each of the first and second side openings is defined by a base surface and a pair of side surfaces.
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19. (Original) The container of claim 18, wherein the side surfaces are substantially perpendicular to the base surface.
20. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 19, wherein the side surfaces are disposed at angles other than 90 degrees with respect to the base surface.
21. (Original) The container of claim 15, wherein the profiled end surface forms a crenellated section.
22. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 15, wherein the profiled end surface forms a zig-zag section.
23. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 15, wherein the profiled end surface forms a sinusoidal section.
24. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 14, wherein the at least one side opening is defined by at least one wall substantially completely surrounding the opening.
25. (Withdrawn) The container of claim 24, wherein the at least one side opening is circular in shape.

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